

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 87

February 8, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the requirement that photographs be in color for certain licenses and IDs issued by the Department of Safety (DOS). Removes the requirement that certain licenses and IDs issued by (DOS) be laminated.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently 11 other states, as well as the District of Columbia, have black and white photographs on their driver licenses and identification cards.
- Many of these states have found that laser engraving is the most secure and cost-effective form of printing driver licenses and identification cards. It is a technology which burns data into a card such as text, images, and special security features including microtext, tactile data, perforated images, and variable images that change with different viewing angles. Laser engraving can be conducted on various materials, but it works best with documents made of polycarbonate, rather than laminate.
- Because the laser technology used to burn the image onto the card, producing a black and white photo is the most secure.
- According to DOS, the required changes to implement such provisions will be incorporated into a new contract to be signed in April 2021 at no additional cost to the state.
- There will not be an enough reduction in printing costs as a result of this legislation to significantly impact state or local expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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